



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs. The JAG program provides funding to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The FY18 JAG Award #18-JAG-1000 will provide funds for two separate projects for the Division of Fire and the Division of Police, entitled FY18 JAG Police and Fire Initiatives. The Division of Fire will purchase Kevlar vests and helmets for medic vehicles. The Division of Police will purchase upgraded SWAT helmets, plate carriers, eye protection and cold weather gear. The City will act as subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award on behalf of the City.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to make the funds available as soon as possible for the grant award start date of June 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$157,500.00 of appropriated funds will be reimbursed by the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY18 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance via the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs; to authorize an appropriation of \$157,500.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$157,500.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Fire seeks to continue their Kevlar vest replacement schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Police seeks to upgrade their personal protective equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Safety was awarded funding through the FY18 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the Police & Fire Initiatives Project; and,

WHEREAS, the City will act as subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs, and therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award on behalf of the City; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$157,500.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund is needed; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate funds related to the FY18 Justice Assistance Grant award in order to make funds available for the grant award period, thereby preserving the public peace, health, property, safety, and welfare, **now, therefore:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY18 Justice Assistance Grant for the Police & Fire Initiatives Project.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the Project Period, the sum of \$157,500.00 is appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 02 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance. This appropriation is effective upon receipt of the fully executed agreement.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.